GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MISMANAGEMENT IN INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR ARTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have taken action against the trust controlling the IndiraGandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) for changing the trust deed that converted its present chairperson into a chairperson for life;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures proposed for the Government control in promotion of cultural activities in the institution without private interference?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (d): On the basis of legal advice, the Government reconstituted the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts on 7th January, 2000 by retiring 12 Trustees whose terms had expired under the provisions of the Trust Deed and nominating 12 new Trustees in their place. Further Government also filled vacancies of three Trustees who had earlier resigned or passed away. The reconstituted Trust has already elected Dr. L.M. Singhvi as the President of the Trust.By reconstituting the IGNCA Trust, the Government has ensured that the Trust functions in accordance with the original Trust Deed of March 1987.